

MINNESOTA POLICE AND PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

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To: Representative Jeff Witte

RE: Support of HF281 (Witte) Law enforcement Agencies Requirement to Report Carjacking

Data to Commissioner of Public Safety

The Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association (MPPOA) is the largest association representing police and peace officers in the State of Minnesota. We represent Minnesota's 10,000+ public safety officials who hold active law enforcement licenses.

MPPOA supports HF281, legislation that will require law enforcement agencies to report carjacking data to the Commissioner of Public Safety, and the Commissioner is required to publish carjacking data in the Commissioner's annual uniform crime report.

Carjackings have risen significantly in the last few years. In 2021 there were 779 carjacking incidents reported. The Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) started collecting the total number of carjackings in 2021. This bill would require quarterly reporting and it would expand the data collected to include:

- (1) the number of carjacking attempts;
- (2) the number of carjackings;
- (3) the number of persons injured in each offense;
- (4) the number of persons killed in each offense; and
- (5) weapons used in each offense, if any.

Sincerely,

Brian Peters
Executive Director

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